The Eternal Paradise Where God Dwells

The eternal paradise where God dwells is described by the Holy Scripture as being of an impressive beauty that surpasses any earthly imagination. This kingdom is a place of absolute perfection, which far exceeds everything that exists in the material world.

The images from Scripture, especially those from the book of Revelation, reveal the existence of a heavenly land of unusual beauty. It is described as having streets paved with gold, walls adorned with precious stones, and gates made of pearls.

Revelation 21:18 says that “And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The twelve gates were twelve pearls.” These descriptions are meant to show a world of unmatched perfection and beauty, where divine splendor and glory are manifested in every aspect of existence.

However, the Kingdom of God is not just a physical place of unparalleled beauty, but also a deeply spiritual kingdom. This can be seen through divine laws, and through the justice and peace that prevail in this world. Thus, the Kingdom of God represents a harmonious blend of physical beauty and a spiritual world, where heavenly laws govern in a framework of peace and absolute justice.

Purity in the Kingdom

Distinctive for the Kingdom of God is the harmony and moral order that define it. This territory is a place where spiritual purity is absolute, where sin and evil have no place. Its citizens have all actions, thoughts, or intentions aligned with the will of God. In this Kingdom, manifestations of sin - such as lying, deceit, bribery, and others - are completely absent, reflecting a state of holiness and unshakable moral integrity.

The citizens of the Kingdom of God manifest a categorical aversion to iniquity, rejecting any form of lying and avoiding any occasion of sin. They explicitly condemn the practice of corruption and bribery, aligning with the biblical principle that “He that hateth gifts shall live.” (Proverbs 15:27). Scripture clearly emphasizes the moral deterioration induced by bribery, stating that “a gift destroyeth the heart.” (Ecclesiastes 7:7).

They do not practice black market work and tax evasion, respecting the obligations that befall them. They do not covet anything that does not belong to them, according to the biblical principle “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s” (Matthew 22:21), which emphasizes the importance of respecting tax laws.

This spiritual community bases its values on integrity, transparency, and and justice, reflecting divine teachings in all aspects of life.

In this eternal land, institutions such as judges, prisons, police, gendarmerie, or army are absent, as they are not necessary. Here there are no violators of divine law, such as thieves, liars, robbers, tax evaders... In contrast to the material world, where temptations and negative influences are part of the human experience, the Kingdom of God is a place where these challenges do not exist.

Peace in the Kingdom

One of the treasures of the Kingdom of God is the peace and rest of the soul that characterizes this territory. The definition of peace, as described in the dictionary, highlights the complete absence of worries, conflicts, or enmities. It is associated with harmony, reconciliation, and mutual understanding. Also, peace refers to an inner state of calm, of tranquility of the soul, offering a state of serenity and balance.

In this Kingdom, any form of conflict, regardless of its magnitude, is nonexistent. This guarantees that all citizens of the Kingdom, from the greatest to the smallest, enjoy perfect peace and rest, where anger, opposition, disagreements, power struggles, and violence are completely eliminated. It is a place where, among its inhabitants, harmony and peaceful coexistence are the rule, without any reasons for discord or dispute.

The peace of the Eternal Kingdom is not limited only to the relationships between its inhabitants, but also encompasses the inner peace of the heart. This is manifested through a state of soul balance, where feelings of unrest, condemnation, conscience reproach, regret, or soul suffering are absent.

Soul rest and inner peace are the direct results of living in an environment where sin has no place. Isaiah 32:17 tells us: “And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.” This passage emphasizes the direct connection between a life lived in purity and the state of rest of the soul.

Perfection of the Kingdom

Perfection is the central pillar that defines the Kingdom of God, being found in all its aspects. The citizens of this land are distinguished by the integrity and perfection of their character, thus emphasizing the standard of perfection. This norm applies not only to the behavior of the citizens but is extended to His ways and to His Law that governs this land, ensuring order for eternity.

This concept is reinforced by the biblical teachings from the verse in Matthew 5:48, which shows us the perfection of God: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Also, Psalm 19:7 states: “The law of the Lord is perfect,” and Psalm 18:30 confirms: “As for God, his way is perfect.”

Therefore, the sinful man, in his natural state of imperfection and sin, cannot dwell eternally with God in this Kingdom. This highlights the necessity of reaching the perfection of our character, according to the standard of the Kingdom of God, as emphasized by the requirement in Matthew 5:48, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”

Joy in the Kingdom

The inhabitants of the Kingdom of God enjoy continuous and profound happiness, independent of material conditions. Their joy, different from the ephemeral and fluctuating one encountered in the material world, represents a constant state of contentment, rest, and fulfillment. In this Kingdom, spiritual happiness is not affected by external circumstances such as money, social status, or health, emanating from the depths of being.

This state of joy is nourished by a life aligned with divine standards of purity and an unshakable inner peace, being founded on a deep relationship with God. This relationship is accompanied by sharing and living the divine ethical values and principles, which bring true joy and fulfillment. This truth is rendered in the verse from Romans 14:17, which says: “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

Authentic joy, springing from the Holy Spirit, is what we will find as the rule in the eternal Kingdom, where it will endure forever, as described in Isaiah 35:10: “And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” Therefore, joy is not a fleeting emotion, but an indicator of living in harmony with the Word of Scripture, being one of the most precious things in this heavenly territory.

Eternity of the Kingdom

The heavenly Kingdom is described as being beyond what time means, representing an eternal domain, where the concept of end does not exist. Time, as we understand it in the physical world, no longer has measure. The Kingdom of God transcends the usual temporal notions of past, present, and future, fitting into a timeless existence.

The eternity of the Kingdom of God is in major contrast with the ephemeral nature of earthly life. Eternity is not just an infinite duration, but also a quality of existence that is free from the limitations and sufferings associated with the short life on earth. In the Kingdom of God, eternity gives stability and security, in opposition to the constant change and inevitable decay of the material world. This eternal domain is the final place of rest and fulfillment for souls, a refuge where the relationship with God is uninterrupted and eternal.

In conclusion, the aspects that define the Kingdom of God represent not only a promise of what eternal life could be, but also an ideal for how a society and human existence could be configured, based on heavenly principles of peace and harmony.

The possibility of restoring the human being

Upon careful analysis, we observe that the secular world in which we live has a standard totally different from that of the Kingdom of God. The Holy Scripture presents us with some of the values of the world that are incompatible with the heavenly Paradise: selfishness, love of money, boasting, pride, discontent, slander, lack of self-control, insolence... (2 Timothy 3:2).

The first man was created innocent and with the potential to reach perfection. The realization of this destiny depended on his choices and openness to the relationship with God. In this situation, the original sin, represented by Adam’s decision to deviate from the divine will, signifies not only the loss of initial innocence but also the stopping of the process through which humanity was to be brought to perfection.

Due to Adam’s fall, man, at his natural birth, enters the sinful world and is spiritually dead, lacking the right of citizenship in the Kingdom of God. Ephesians 2:12 illustrates this, saying: “That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens... having no hope.”

The difference between the values of humanity, marked by sin, and the principles of the heavenly Kingdom is profound, equivalent to the distance between heaven and earth. Isaiah 55:8 emphasizes this contrast: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Through these words, the clear distance between limited human perception and the vast wisdom of God is highlighted.

The recovery of the trajectory lost by Adam is possible through the work of restoration and redemption accomplished by Christ. This opens the way for humanity’s return to its original purpose and communion with God.

Through His sacrifice, Christ has opened the way for all those willing to return to the original state of purity, as it was at the beginning of creation. Colossians 1:13 confirms this extraordinary gift: “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”

This possibility of reconciliation and spiritual restoration represents the essence of the divine offer of salvation, inviting humanity to a deep relationship with God through the forgiveness of sins and the embrace of a new beginning of life.

The Son of God came to earth as an ambassador of the heavenly Kingdom, with the mission of bringing the principles of this “Holy Territory” into the hearts of people. Coming directly from the Heavenly Father, He offered to those willing to adopt and live according to these divine values, teachings, and principles. The main purpose of these teachings is the transformation and alignment of our lives to the divine ideal.

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